Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 12 sheets of drawing includes changes to Figures 2, 3 and 4. This set of drawings replaces the original sheets of drawing including Figures 2, 3 and 4.

Attachment: 12 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Counsel for Assignee has received and reviewed the Office Action dated October 4, 2004. In that Action the Examiner requested that the title be improved, that three figures in the drawing be labeled as prior art, and that the Abstract be corrected. By this response all such amendments have been made.

Counsel notes that the Office Action Summary shows that no certified copy of the priority document has been received by the Patent Office. A review of the imaged file wrapper available through the PAIR system indicates that a certified copy of the priority document, Japanese Application No. 2001-086636, was in fact received by the Patent Office at the time the application was filed. A photocopy of the imaged title page of the certified copy of the priority document is attached for the Examiner's reference.

Counsel for Assignee believes all requirements have now been met and that the application is in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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